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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Pengbo Zhou and Peter Howley)
Serial No.: 09/415,795) Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: October 8, 1999)
For: *Targeted Proteolysis by Recruitment*) Examiner: Slobodyansky, E..
To Ubiquitin Protein Ligases)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 22, 2001, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the invention set forth in Group I, claims 1-15, which the Restriction Requirement has characterized as "drawn to a method for targeting degradation of a polypeptide using a ubiquitin ligase, classified in class 435, subclass 68.1 ." Applicants contend that no undue burden is placed upon the Examiner to search all Groups as listed in the Restriction Requirement (M.P.E.P. § 803).

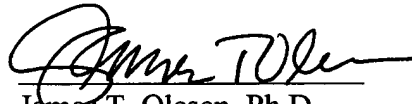
The Examiner has further required the election of a species for Group I claims 1-15 as the Examiner contends that "(c)laims 1-5, 14 and 15 are generic to a plurality of a disclosed patentably distinct species comprising (a) an SCF (claims 6-11), (b) a HECT (claim 12), (c) a UBR1 polypeptide (claim 13)." In response, Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse (a) an SCF (claims 6-11), and, still further, the single subspecies specified by SEQ ID No. 4, as

required by the Restriction Requirement. Applicants note that the election of this species and subspecies is for examination purposes only and that, should the elected species be deemed patentable, Applicants are entitled to a search and examination of the remaining species.

Should there be any questions after review of this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact Mr. Olesen at (617) 832-1764. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our **Deposit Account No. 06-1448**.

Respectfully submitted,
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